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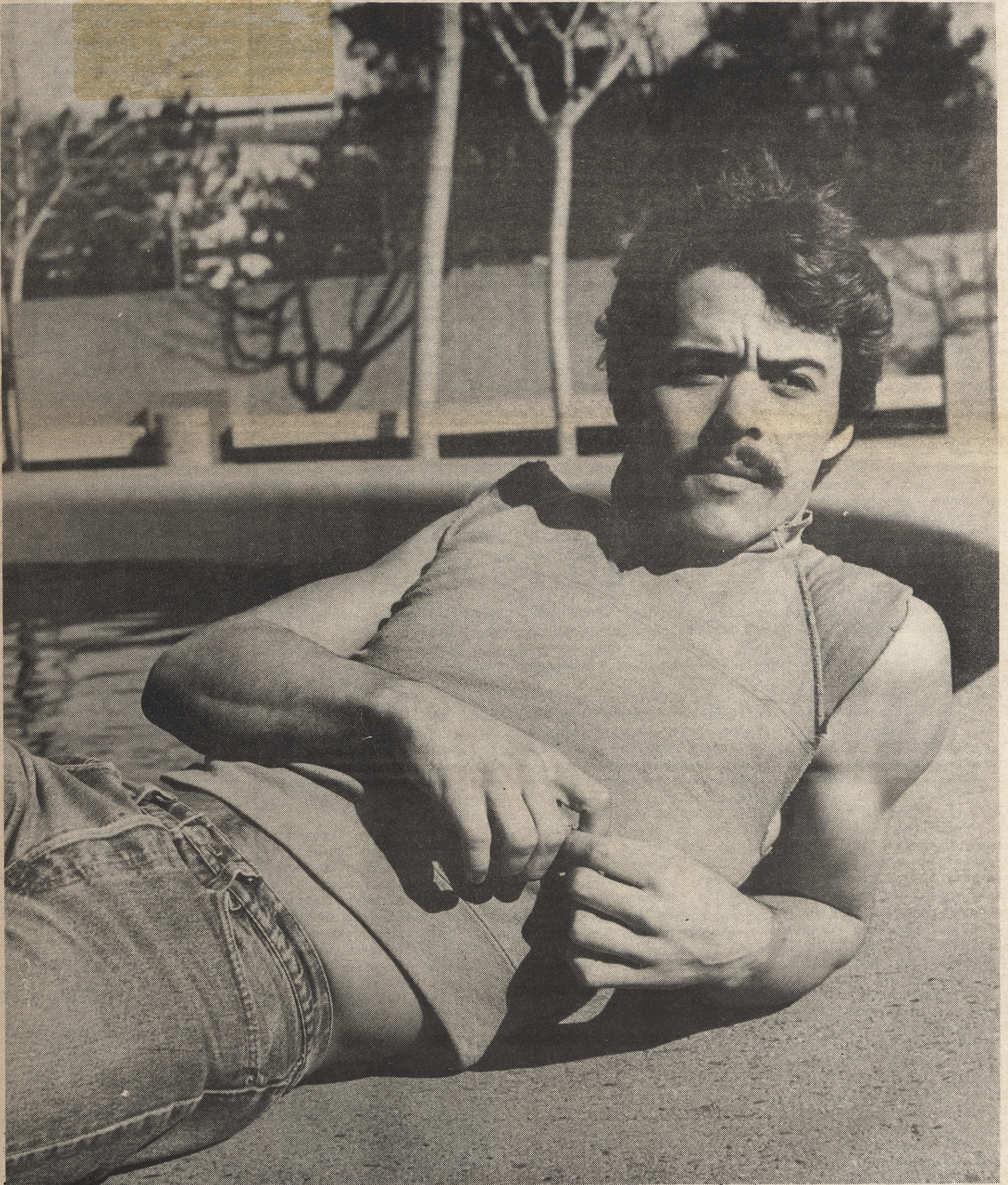
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# AIDS UPDATES

The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) outbreak appears to be increasing according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. The lethal disease erodes the body's natural defense system to disease. There have now been more than 1000 cases reported with approximately 400 deaths; and the frequency of the disease appears to be increasing. Nearly 20 percent of AIDS cases were identified in the last two or three months. Although cases have been reported in 33 states, they have been concentrated in New York and California.

Researchers are particularly concerned with the growing number of risk groups and the failure to identify

the causes of AIDS. The syndrome was initially discovered among gay men; however, it has since been detected among both sexes, intravenous drug users, some of their sexual partners, Haitians, hemophiliacs, and blood-transfusion recipients. Not all victims have been adults; a few children have been stricken. Although an infectious agent is believed to cause the deadly condition, to date none has been found, nor has a definitive diagnostic test for AIDS been developed.

The Center is developing guidelines to help prevent the spread of AIDS, especially through blood donations. It is a difficult task, however, to reduce donations from groups considered high risk such as gays.

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in the San Francisco Bay Area now screens blood donors by use of a confidential questionnaire designed to detect possible AIDS carriers. At the same time, a group of doctors active in the gay community in the Bay Area have urged potential donors to refrain from donating blood if they or their sexual partners display AIDS symptoms.

The mortality rate is also causing concern. AIDS appears to be more lethal than initially thought. Although 40 percent of AIDS victims to date have died, more than 60 percent of cases diagnosed a year ago have died, and it is feared that the total will go even higher.

## MONKEYS GET AIDS TOO

It now appears that AIDS may not be limited to human beings. At least a lethal epidemic of something which strongly resembles AIDS has stricken a colony of monkeys housed at the Primate Research Center at the University of California at Davis.

The disorder has also been detected at Harvard's New England Primate Center near Boston.

As a result of these outbreaks among monkeys used for experiments, scientists believe they may be closer to understanding the causes of, and ways to prevent, AIDS. The implications are so great that a scientific conference on the animal epidemic has been scheduled at the National Institutes

of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Just as in humans, the monkey epidemic appears to be the result of disruption of the body's natural defenses against invasion by such organisms as viruses, bacteria, fungi, and protozoa. The diseases ravaging the animals include many of the same opportunistic infections that have stricken over 1100 humans in American in less than three years.

Veterinarians at UC say that the latest epidemic is the center's fourth such outbreak since 1969. However, the similarities between the diseases that were striking monkeys and those striking humans--especially

gay men, a certain number of infants and children, Haitians, hemophiliacs, and intravenous drug users--were not at first apparent.

The deaths in the monkey epidemic have all been female, whereas in humans the deaths have been overwhelmingly male. However, just as in humans, the monkey victims show widespread evidence of infection with cytomegalovirus, they show major defects in their white blood cells, they contract pneumocystis carinii, and at least two have died of a form of skin cancer.

Homosexuality among monkeys is unknown. Dominant males, however, do have multiple sexual contacts with female partners.

## AIDS NOT RELATED TO VACCINE

Two federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) physicians writing in a recent issue of Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) underscore the safety of the newly licensed hepatitis B vaccine and urge that vaccination of high-risk groups continue.

The statement by Robert J. Gerety, MD, and Edward Tabor, MD, comes in the wake of concern that some blood plasma used in making the vaccine is obtained from hepatitis B-positive male homosexuals, who have been the most numerous victims, so far, of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). There has been speculation that AIDS may be caused by an agent that can be transmitted through blood or blood products.

According to Gerety and Tabor, however, "the known risk of hepatitis B for persons in high-risk groups [hospital workers, homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers] far exceeds the risks of vaccine-induced infection by a theoretical transmis-

sible agent that would have to survive the purification and inactivation procedures applied to the licensed hepatitis B vaccine."

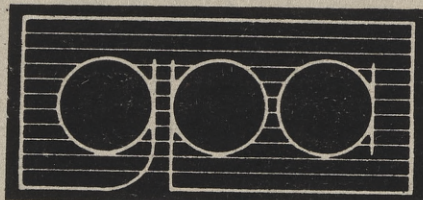
The manufacturing processes to which Gerety and Tabor refer, which include treatment of the donated blood plasma with pepsin, urea, and formaldehyde, have been designed to inactivate all known groups of animal viruses by interfering with their ability to reproduce and infect human cells.

Only one known case of Kaposi's sarcoma, a tumor characteristic of AIDS, has developed among the more than 19,000 persons who were vaccinated in several clinical trials of the vaccine, according to Cladd Stevens, MD, of the New York Blood Center, New York City, who is quoted in a "Medical News" section article in a recent issue of JAMA. Eleven cases of AIDS have since occurred among 3,6000 male homosexuals who remained unvaccinated in a Blood Center trial, while the case of Kaposi's sarcoma occurred

among the 1,083 men who were vaccinated.

Subsequent to another clinical trial run by the Centers for Disease Control, (CDC), Atlanta, more than 30 cases of AIDS have occurred among 5,986 unvaccinated men, while no cases have appeared among 714 vaccinated men, says Donald Francis, MD, from the CDC branch in Phoenix.

Because the frequency of AIDS among vaccine recipients in the trials is lower so far than that reported in nonvaccinated participants, there has been some speculation that the hepatitis B vaccine may protect against AIDS. But, Francis objects, "We have no evidence for that right now, although it appears that [the vaccine] is not causing the disease."



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# An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

## Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

## Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

## The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

## Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

## Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

**For more information  
about hepatitis B and the  
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### Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.



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Things have been very, very exciting lately over in the Philippines where the Manila International Film Festival has been showing erotic movies, an art form brand new to that part of the world. High church officials, predictably, have been very upset by it all. Ms. Marcos, whose husband runs that country, has publicly defended the movies by stating, "We want to broaden the perspective of our people and to give more maturity in their insight." Be that as it may, there have apparently been some quite undesirable side effects over and beyond the wrath of the high-ranking church officials. For example, while watching one of the sizzlers, Mr. Masde suffered a fatal stroke; and Mr. Aragon's wife shot at him no less than three times after he returned home late from watching still another of the X-rated flicks. My my! Such carryings on!

According to Dr. Kline of Columbia University (which is in New York City), a certain substance called phenylethylamine is produced in one's brain when one is in love. Phenylethylamine is supposedly what gives one that so-called "charged-up" feeling long associated with being in love. However, over in Boston, Dr. Sellers of Boston University points out that phenylethylamine is also found in chocolate. I've often wondered why people never seem to fall in love

with me unless I practically force feed them chocolates. Anyone want to share a Hershey Bar?

Things have apparently been pretty grim lately down south in Brazil where Mr. Carota and Mr. Guimaraes have been arrested on homicide charges involving the deaths of 8 transvestites and the deformation of 30 others. It seems that those gentlemen (and we use the term sorta loosely) sold the innocent and trusting transvestites industrial silicone mixed with laxatives which they, the transvestites, proceeded to inject in themselves in pitiful attempts to achieve feminine body contours. For instance, Mr. da Silva (better known simply as Solange) died of cardiac arrest after injecting two pints of the mixture into his buttocks. Of the 30 victims who haven't died, not yet anyhow, one is expected to lose an eye because he injected the stuff in his cheek where it rotted. (Don't get excited; the antecedent of "it" is unclear to us, too.) Others have dead flesh in the places where they injected themselves; as a result, they will need transplants of one kind or another. A sad, sad state of affairs.

And way down under, recently a group of Aussie transsexuals in Sidney took to the streets protesting a court ruling which said that despite surgery they are

still legally considered to be males. One demonstrator removed her (his) blouse, and another stripped down to her (his) apparently miniscule bikini. At that point, apparently no one knew exactly what to do because as men they could appear, legally, in public bare chested; as women, they could not. Such confusion. Tsk tsk tsk.

A bit of nice news is that up north, the Quebec government is preparing to adopt a bill to end certain types of discrimination against gay and lesbian couples in that part of Canada. It is said that the provincial action will extend social benefits including employee pension plans, workers' compensation, and other programs to gay couples in the same fashion that they are extended now to common-law spouses of non-gay government employees.

In Denver, that city's Board of Adjustment says that Mr. Swanson and Ms. Rupp, an unmarried couple, are violating zoning laws by living together in a residential neighborhood zoned R-O. Such zoning prohibits cohabitation by unmarried people. The Board says that within six months they must move out of the house they own. It's really hard to believe, sometimes, that this is 1983, isn't it?

From Arlington Heights, Illinois, comes word that the former country-western radio station known by the call letters WTCO-FM has received permission by the FCC to change its call letters to WSEX. At first, the FCC, which tends to be a bit stodgy, was not amused, insisting that the new designation was in bad taste. But they finally gave in to the argument that their bad-taste rule was vague. It helped that the citizens of Arlington Heights made it abundantly clear that they couldn't care less; not a single one

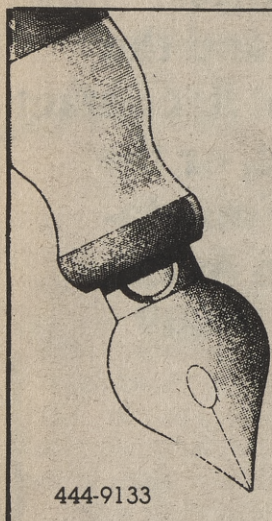
of them even as much as filed a comment with the Commission. Such sophistication does indeed tend to warm the cockles of one's heart.

Ms. Wilson was recently freed on bail in Los Angeles after her lawyer was able to prove that she, Ms. Wilson, is rich. Despite her wealth, she is suspected of not being nice, not that the two conditions necessarily go hand in hand. Ms. Wilson, a grandmother of five, is the reputed leader of the nation's largest child pornography ring. In addition to being into kiddie porn, they say that Ms. Wilson has also had something to do with distributing materials depicting, of all things, animals and adults engaging in sexual activities. What, I ask you, are grandmothers going to think up next? The possibilities tend to boggle one's mind.

An 8-year old Huntington, West Virginia girl recently got an eyeful when she opened her box of Cracker Jacks. Her prize turned out to be a pamphlet entitled Erotic Sexual Positions From Around The World. Her grandmother said that the little girl thought it was just some sort of exercise book. She was probably right, too, because doctors these days keep saying that sex is really good exercise.

Stanford University, in Palo Alto, California, indicated recently that it most likely will reject a \$500 gift that a doner wanted earmarked as a scholarship for an avowed male homosexual. Stanford probably could not care less about its students' various and sundry sexual preferences and practices. However, there are two good reasons why the gift is probably unacceptable. It requires a determination of belief which is impossible to verify without an impermissible violation of privacy; and it would violate the

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# FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I like "sandwiches" (three-party sex), but whenever I trick with two other guys, there always seems to be one of them who really digs me and wants to get a twosome going with me. The typical dude will start calling me later in the week asking if he can meet me alone for a date. They seem to think if they chase me long enough they can transform me into a faithful monogamous lover. Sometimes these guys are lovers, but most often they're single. In either case, I'm not into that scene. I don't want to break up a pair of lovers, and I don't want to acquire one of my own. I just like to have lots of hot three-ways with lots of different men. How do I tell these guys that I'm not into romance right now and that I want to share my horny little body with as many men as I can get my hands on?

Ever yours,

Lance

Dear Lance,

How do you get these gentlemen off your back? Tell them in no uncertain terms that you enjoyed their "sandwich," but unfortunately they have too much "relish" for you. Even the dumbest Dagwood should get the point.

You don't mention where you're meeting these gentlemen (bars? baths? beaches? bathrooms? bookstores? buddies? bushes?), but obviously you've gotten on a first-name, exchanging-phone-numbers basis with them. Couldn't you avoid this problem altogether by seeking your sexual snacks in the darkness of your local steam-bath's orgy room?

If you're really into "sandwiches" and want to see just how many buns you can slip between, just remember--don't spread yourself too thin.

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university's policy against basing decisions on sexual orientation. Interesting.

Did you ever wonder why your mother always insisted that you eat lots and lots of cold cereal when you were a teenager? Well, it's because the stuff was really invented to prevent children from the sin of self-pollution. (Some people call that sin masturbation; others call it self-abuse.) Americans consume about 2 billion pounds of cold cereal annually. It's mind boggling just to imagine all the time and energy we horny Americans would waste just sitting around jacking off if we didn't have such a vast variety and amount of cold cereal to distract us. Something to fantasize about

between cold showers anyhow. By the way, cold cereal was invented in 1876 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Even way back then mothers knew what they were doing.

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On Merritt Island, Florida, Mr. Edwards, 32, recently married Ms. Spunky, at least 91. Mr. Fink officiated at the well-attended service by intoning: "Do you take this lady to be your lawless wedded wife...to love, honor, comfort, and throw an occasional can of Alpo?" You see, while Mr. Edwards is a real enough human being, Ms. Spunky is a dog, a real bitch. They've already lived together 13 human years and 91 canine years, so it's about time they made things sorta legal, wouldn't you think?

# UNCLE JAY

by Jay Jones

Dear Uncle Jay:

I'm a bi guy, aged 25, who loves to make it with ladies as much as with men. Sometimes this causes me problems when others try to get serious because then I run the other way. I've never really loved another man, but I feel deeply for a guy who doesn't want me sharing myself with women. I want to get off the fence, but I can't. What's up, Doc?

Two Way Steve

Dear TWS,

You are making yourself a pretty lonely bed to lie in in the future. While you're young and pretty, it's fun; but when the "going gets rough" in about ten years, you'll be sleeping with, and eating with, old memories. Relationships mean sacrifices. Say goodbye to "bi" as soon as possible.

Dear Uncle Jay,

Here's a real problem. We want another opinion. I'm 23 and very gay, and my "girlfriend" (if you know what I mean) is 21. We respect each other's lives, but we want badly to have a kid so we can both say we are parents! We really like each other and think this would make us best friends for life. We both love children and would pay a lot of attention to a child if we have one. Some of our friends say "no," others say "yes." What do you say?

Gay Couple

Dear GC,

Don't.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### THE BUTCH MANUAL,

by Clark Henley

The Sea Horse Press, N.Y.  
120 pp. \$6.95

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

Out of the deadly rubble of self-help books, the alarming babble of do-it-yourself psychiatry and holistic "approaches" to everything in life from alfalfa sprouts to the Bhagavad-Gita, comes a jewel: The Butch Manual: The Current Drag and How To Do It.

Clark Henley, allotted more than his fair share of wit, intelligence, and sense of irony, believes butch is an acquirable mask. As he says, no one was born butch. It's not a matter of genes or Divine intervention. Anyone willing to do his homework, and spend hours in the gym, can learn. Henley, having done his homework, brings it all together in this funny and percipient manual.

Beginning with the premise that Butchery, as it were, is all based on attitude, Henley instructs us first that "butch is pure. Butch is direct. But is less...much less. The key to developing Butch is simplicity, a quality which does not particularly abound in the gay community."

He then proceeds through chapters on Movement (as little as possible), Butch Noises ("Hey" being the only essential one), The Butch

Body (never work out in heels), Dressing (501s and sweat), Locale (beds, refrigerators, etc.), Drugs (the Butch Alphabet of Fabulous Drug Abuse), Butchopoly (the game of living Butch, including how to look your best at the glory holes), and finally Ask Butch, a correspondence with Gertrude Stein who was, after all, most butch.

Liberally punctuated with photos of butch men, The Manual instructs through visual example as well as the word. It is this coupling of serio-camp photography with the witty essentials observed through the author's experience (or from reading toilet walls) that make the book exactly right and deliciously satiric, a quality which will be lost, of course, on the subject animal, Butch himself. Butch would not clutter his brain with the perversity of satire anymore than he would be caught dead carrying packages in daylight or cooking (to get cookin' has nothing to do with kitchen ranges).

Flawed only by the publisher's disregard for proof-reading, and an occasional breakdown in pronoun agreement, The Butch Manual ought to be the hottest item on anybody's current gift list. Everyone will quickly think of at least four acquaintances who should be sent this guide: one who will take it seriously; one who will get the jokes; one who doesn't read; and one, who believing himself already Butch, won't understand what the fuss is all about. Anyway, he doesn't have a book shelf.

## WANDA THE GARDENER

by Wanda Martin

Several kinds of creatures can damage your plants, but the nastiest of them all are SPIDER MITES. If your plants display certain symptoms...leaves bleach and become mottled with grayish yellow tinge; close inspection, preferably with a magnifying glass, reveals cobwebs; growth of plant becomes stunted, slow, often stops followed by death of the plant...Then you have a dose of MITES.

Spider mites are rotten little stinkers; almost every plant is susceptible to their tastes. They are members of the spider family; they have eight legs, placing them in the spider family, rather than the six legs required for all other insects.

The minute you notice that a plant does not look well, examine the undersides of the leaves. If you spot the mites or notice small

spider webbing, isolate your plant immediately, then search your other plants for the same problem. Make sure you wash your hands before touching the other plants.

The best treatment is to wash the plant, if possible, with mild liquid soap and warm water. Cover the pot so the soil will not wash or spill out. Turn your plant upside down and swish the stems and leaves through the soapy water. Larger plants can be sprayed with soapy water or given a sponge bath; try to get larger ones into the shower or even outdoors to spray with a hose. Be sure to rinse all plants thoroughly and use a light stream of water when rinsing with a hose; you do not want to blast all the leaves off despite the fact that that would certainly get rid of the mites.

More than likely the mites will return. If so,

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# CROSSROADS

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## SACRAMENTO

### SPORTS

The CVSA (Central Valley Sports Association) is now a reality. A softball league has been established, and the formation of volleyball, tennis, and bowling leagues are expected to occur within the year. Our application for NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance) membership has been submitted. If accepted into NAGAAA, every league champion will be eligible to participate in the national champion tournaments.

Formation of an organization such as CVSA is long overdue. Now, however, the Central Valley has its own sports association, and it will, hopefully, serve as a means of promoting sportsmanship, friendship, local pride, fun and good, clean sports for the central valley residents.

The softball league will begin play on April 10. Details will appear soon; be on the look out for fliers and posters in all your favorite spots. Currently, there are teams from Sacramento, Modesto, and Stockton. New teams will be accepted into the league until March 10. If interested, contact Paul (916) 451-5996 or Doc (916) 383-0425. Now's the time to get involved in the CVSA--it's from your community! Participants, fans, and anyone willing to help the CVSA are all welcomed. The CVSA is for you; get involved.

### OPERA

Marianne Oaks, General Director of the Sacramento Opera Association, has announced that The Barber of Seville will be presented in English by the Sacramento Opera Association on Friday, April 8, at 8 pm and on Sunday, April 10, at 2 pm at the Sacramento Community Center Theater.

The production will fea-

ture mezzo soprano, Wendy Hillhouse, in the leading role of Rosina.

Besides Wendy Hillhouse, principal cast members will be Robert Tate as Count Almaviva; Lee Velta as Figaro; Carl Glaum as Bartolo, and John McAllister as Basilio.

The majority of the 32-member cast are from the Sacramento area. Supporting cast members from Sacramento will be Ken Johnson as Fiorello and Elaine Deatherage as Berta.

Tickets are priced at \$7.50, \$11, and \$13 for upper balcony, \$18 for lower balcony, \$16 and \$18 for orchestra, and \$22 for the grand-tier box seats. Group tickets for 10 or more can be purchased for 10% off full price. Tickets can be purchased through the regular ticket outlets throughout Sacramento or at the Community Center Box Office. For information, call (916) 449-5181.

### SQUARE DANCE

The Capitol City Squares, a Sacramento based gay square-dance club, is planning their third annual Hoe Down on Saturday, March 12, 1983, at the Parking Lot from 8 - 11 pm. Included in the \$2.50 advance ticket sale is a western-style barbeque dinner, live square-dance calling by Dave "Happy" New Year, performances by the Barbary Coast Cloggers, and beginners lessons in both square and line dancing.

The Capitol City Squares have been dancing 18 months and have approximately 50 active members. Some members have performed at the Reno Gay Rodeo and throughout the Sacramento and Bay Areas.

Weekly dances are held at the Parking Lot each Tuesday evening at 7 pm. A new beginning square-dance class is scheduled to begin shortly after the Hoe Down, and anyone who is interested in joining is encouraged to

contact a club member for more information.

Gay square dancing is becoming increasingly popular throughout the United States with active clubs in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami, Denver, and Houston. A nationwide Hoe Down is also being planned to coincide with this year's Gay Rodeo in Reno.

### "DUKE"

Assurances were recently given by Governor Deukmejian's office to a group of gay Republican leaders that he will not indulge in "gay-baiting." This meeting left unclear, however, whether Deukmejian would reverse gay-rights support provided by his Democratic predecessor, Jerry Brown.

The group that met with Deukmejian's aides was fairly optimistic. They concluded that there were no ideological grounds on which Deukmejian and his aides had difficulties with gay rights.

One strong signal of Deukmejian's position will be whether he decides to keep in force Brown's 1979 executive order banning discrimination against homosexuals in state employment. So far, the new administration has not acted to rescind or reconsider that executive order.

### DIGETTE

A "roast" of Digette's life will be held Wednesday, March 16, 1983 at the Wreck Room, 925 20th Street in Sacramento starting at 8 pm.

The life of Digette, a well-known and well-loved personality in the Sacramento gay community, will be reviewed by her many friends. The event is being organized by Chuck Thornley and Maurice Bull. A memory album of the event will be compiled as the evening progresses. Persons who have photographs from Digette's

past 18 years in the community are urged to bring them.

All proceeds of the event will go to the K.S. Foundation, Sacramento.

## CONCORD

For several years, a group in Contra Costa County known as the Friends of the Center have had a dream to bring gay women and men together in a comfortable setting and to provide crisis intervention specifically for the gay community.

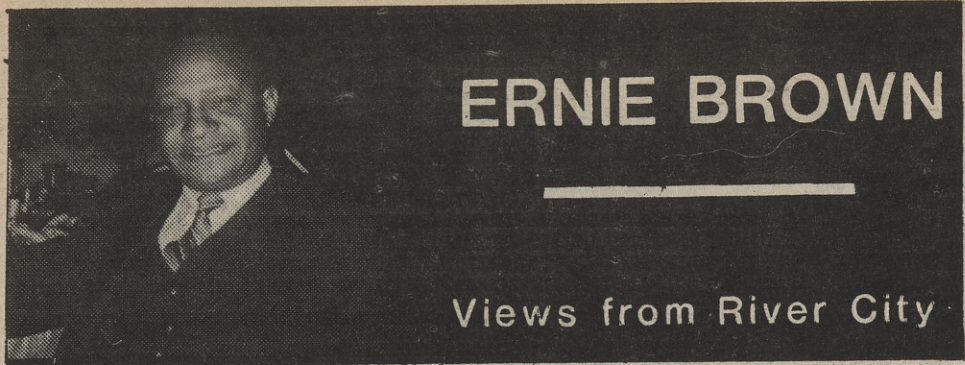
About one year ago a supportive, learning, and recreational environment in the form of a center was finally realized. Funds were scanty and outreach limited, but the center continued to grow. Recently Gail Andronis took the position as director of The Center. The Center and Friends plan to offer a variety of high quality programs to Contra Costa and Solano Counties. These activities will include: recreational events, health care issues, job-search seminars, special interest workshops, and crisis intervention.

Men and women who are willing to donate their time and energy to make The Center a viable outreach to the community are needed. Volunteers are sought in the following three categories: 1. Gay Stress-line--a concern about the well-being of others, good listening ability, and availability after training to work on a rotating basis are required. 2. Special Activities--develop events, workshops, and seminars in such areas as women's rap, recreational and sporting events, special interest topics, and career information. 3. Speakers Bureau--direct and plan for the training of volunteers and schedule speaking engagements.

The Center is open from 10 - 5 daily.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: Diablo Valley M.C.C. Center, 1818 Colfax Ave., Concord, CA 94520. For more information call (415) 827-2960.





## ERNIE BROWN

Views from River City

ONCE AGAIN OUR COMMUNITY HAS LOST A GREAT SUPPORTER, MR. RAYMOND C. CAMAR (RACHEL). RAYMOND DIED SATURDAY, FEB. 19. HE WAS 51 YEARS OLD. RAY CAME TO SACRAMENTO IN 1963 FROM FORT ROUGE, CANADA (MANITOBA). RAY HAD BEEN MANAGER OF THE MERCANTILE SALOON FOR THE PAST FIVE & A HALF YEARS. BEFORE THAT, HE WAS A WAITER AT VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AROUND TOWN INCLUDING THE ELBO ROOM, DEL PRADO, & THE RIVER GALLEY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HOTEL & RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS UNION LOCAL 49. RAY WAS AN AVID S.F. FORTY-NINERS FAN. I HAD KNOWN AND BEEN A FRIEND OF RAY'S FOR TWENTY YEARS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE IS SURVIVED BY MANY, MANY FRIENDS. RAYMOND IS GOING TO BE MISSED.

NOW THAT VALENTINE'S DAY IS OVER, AND YOU HAVE TAKEN OFF THE RED, HOPEFULLY YOU ARE BACK IN THE PINK AGAIN. THE GUYS AT THE WRECK ROOM ARE CERTAINLY IN THE PINK. THEY WON THE "OUT OF TOWN" CABLE CAR AWARD FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE "82" GAY PARADE. ALL SACRAMENTO CONGRATULATES YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TROPHY HOME. ALSO, YOUR MARDI GRAS PARTY AT THE BAR WAS A HOOT. WHO NEEDS NEW ORLEANS? YOUR RECENT BENEFIT FOR AIDS WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND VERY WELL ATTENDED. THANKS, WRECK ROOM, FOR A JOB WELL DONE. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR DURING THE PAST THIRTY DAYS. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION A FEW HERE. A NEW NIGHTSPOT IS BORN. LATE IN FEBRUARY, RANDA & CAROL, TWO REAL HIGH-CLASS LADIES, OPENED A NEW GAY BAR IN THE OLD ZORBAS ON AUBURN BLVD. IN NORTH SACRAMENTO. IT PROVIDES A TOUCH OF REAL CLASS BECAUSE THE WAITERS AND WAITRESSES DRESS IN HONEST-TO-GOD TUXEDOS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MANAGERS, RANDA & CAROL. I LOVE YOUR LIST OF BARTENDERS. YOU HAVE GOOD TASTE. THE CLUB 21 HOSTED A FUNDRAISER PARTY FOR

AIDS, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A VERY VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENING. WE GOT A CHANCE TO CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR LOCAL TALENT. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. THANKS CLAY, BILL, & BERNIE. THERE IS ONE THING ABOUT SACTO; WHEN WE HAVE TO GET IT TOGETHER, WE REALLY GET IT TOGETHER. BOBBETTE (MERC) DID IT AGAIN WITH HER VALENTINE'S DAY TACO FEED, WITH ALL THE PROCEEDS GOING TO AIDS. IT WAS A NICE DAY, BOBBETTE; SO WERE YOUR TACOS. THE NEXT AIDS BENEFIT WILL BE HELD AT THE MERCANTILE SALOON HOSTED BY OUR NEW DUKE AND DUCHESS, BILL & RANDI... MONDAY MARCH 7. CHECK IT OUT. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE BROADWAY LTD, YOU ARE MISSING A TREAT. BRUNCHES ARE SERVED FROM 11 TIL 2:30. DO YOURSELF A FAVOR: EAT IT AT THE BROADWAY. THE CLUB 21 IS ALSO SERVING SUNDAY BRUNCHES WITH A DIFFERENT MENU. IF YOU GET THERE BY TEN O'CLOCK, YOU CAN GET BLOODY MARYS FOR FIFTY CENTS RIGHT UP UNTIL BRUNCH IS SERVED. IF YOU SHOULD MISS BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, YOU CAN ALWAYS DOUBLE BACK ON MONDAY AND HAVE ONE OF JIM LAIDLER'S FAMOUS SOUTHERN COOKED LUNCHES EVERY DAY MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. BOJANGLES IS SURE TURNING OUT SOME BEAUTIFUL ENTERTAINMENT ON SUNDAY EVENINGS. SO PROFESSIONALLY DONE. TERRY SIDEE SURE KNOWS HOW TO KEEP THINGS MOVING. THE MERCANTILE SALOON'S 3RD ANNUAL PISCES PARTY WAS A BLAST. SO MANY PISCANS. THE BUFFET WAS BEAUTIFUL... THE GIRLS TELL ME THAT ANNA MARIE'S VALENTINE PARTY WAS A BIGGY. DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE PARKING LOT AND HAVE A DRINK WITH KIP, ONE OF OUR FAVORITE BARTENDERS. A REMINDER: IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR ME TO MENTION IN MY COLUMN PERTAINING TO YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS, ETC. ETC., PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE THE TENTH OF THE MONTH. WILL BE GLAD TO PRINT IT. I CAN BE REACHED AT HOME, TEL. NO. 447-0896, OR AT WORK TEL. NO. 447-0792, SO GIVE ME A CALL. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW DUKE & DUCHESS & BEST WISHES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. VALLEY KNIGHTS, YOUR \$1700 DONATION TO THE AQUARIAN EFFORT MEDICAL CLINIC WAS A JOB WELL DONE. FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE AQUARIAN EFFORT, IT'S AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FREE DRUG TREATMENT, COUNSELING, MEDICAL, AND LEGAL SERVICES. IF YOU EVER ARE IN THE NEED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE, JUST GIVE THEM A CALL. THEY ARE AT YOUR SERVICE. LEWAN, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN SACRAMENTO. I TOLD YOU YOU'D BE BACK. RANDI (MERC), BAR STOOLS ARE MADE FOR ONE. BOBBETTE & RON C., GLAD YOU TWO ARE TALKING AGAIN. YOU COULD HAVE CUT THE SILENCE WITH A KNIFE. REMEMBER, IF YOU MISSED SOME OF THOSE GREAT MOVIES OF YESTERYEARS, YOU MAY STILL CATCH THEM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE CLUB 21. EDDIE IS YOUR PROJECTIONIST. LA KISH (MERC), A HOTEL ROOM FOR TWO IS ONE THING, A BRIDAL SUITE IS SOMETHING ELSE. DWAIN (THE ROSE) WHY NOT BUY A SHOULDER BAG AND HANG IT ON YOUR SHOULDER. THIS WAY YOU WON'T LEAVE IT EVERYWHERE YOU GO. LOOK FOR THE FILLY BAND AT THE DIAMOND BUTTERFLY SOMETIME IN MARCH. A NOTE: WE ARE LIVING IN A TIME NOW WHEN WE ALL HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER. THIS IS NO TIME FOR BICKERING & BACK-BITING. I HOPE YOU GET MY DRIFT... SEE YA.



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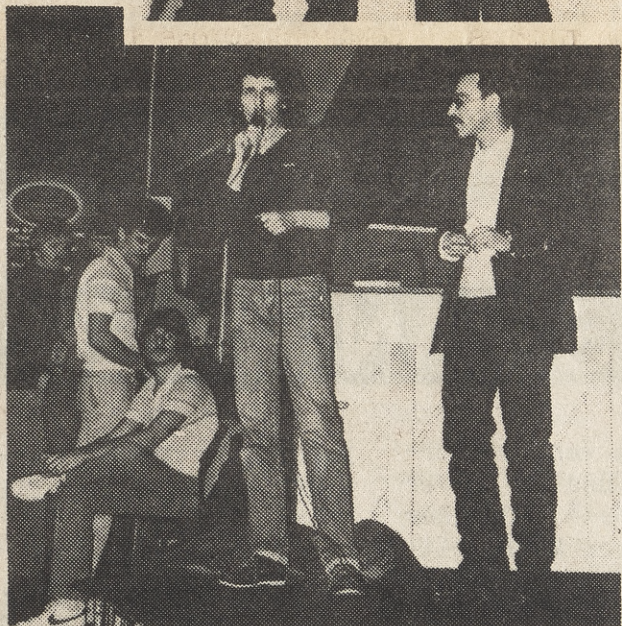
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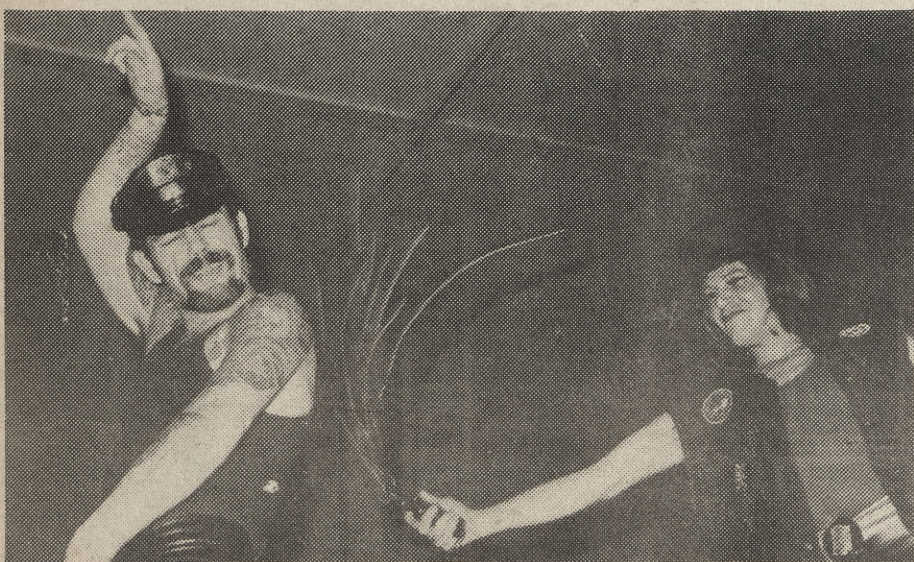
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ITEMS OF INTEREST



## SAN JOSE

Hello once again.

This month brings the news that Jerry, the former owner of 6-4-1, has sold the bar and is planning a small vacation back east. Sorry the bar was sold, but looking forward to having the new owners do a great job.

In the downtown area, Macs Club is doing just great, and Skip is still bartending with the cute smile that everyone likes so much. Moving up to the Strip, stopping in at Bucks, we find Larry bartending during the day and David at night. At Renegades up the street, we find R.C. sporting his talents behind the bar (hear through the grapevine that the owner has maybe been able to clear the long-awaited liquor license). What can you say about the Boot Rack when you met a bartender like Larry

behind the bar? He never forgets you or your drink--unless you happen to change your mind. Last stop on the Stockton Strip--Main Street. Dear Richard behind the bar and big, big, big Michael and the bar manager, Don, a great staff. Please stop in and say hello to them. I know that they would love to see you and spend some time with you. Going clear into Santa Clara County, we come across the Interlude with Joey and Randy bartending and the entire staff running the dining room. Mary gets right in there, too, and helps her staff. Thanks, Mary, for being a great lady.

Haven't been able to get to the other bars in the area due to my other job but hope to do so soon. I'll report on them in next issue. Until then, Bye. Robert James Colton.

## SAN DIEGO

The first San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is scheduled for March 18-20 at the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art (which is wheelchair accessible).

Films from all over the world by gay and lesbian filmmakers will be screened. The Festival is sponsored as a benefit for the Men's Center.

The films, a mixture of short and feature-length,

have never been shown in San Diego.

Limited work exchange is available. Reduced group-sale prices are available for organizations wishing to raise money (minimum amount: 30 tickets), but interested persons should call early. For information or tickets, contact: San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, P.O. Box 33694, San Diego, CA 92103-0620, telephone (619) 299-1676.

## RUSSIAN RIVER

Persons who want to worship in the Russian River area may want to consider the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church. Services are offered each Sunday at 11 am. Rev. John I. Torres conducts worship services at the Woods

Resort, 16881 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville.

The Church also offers Evening Bible Study. For more information and the location of the Bible Study, call (707) 869-2937.

## MODESTO

Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA) is a support group for gays and friends of gays and provides activities and services to men and women 18 years of age or older. Information may be obtained by writing SGA, P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

The Group has the following needs:

Persons who would like to hold one of the new member potlucks at their homes. Contact Sandra at (209) 577-6138.

Volunteers to work on the upcoming Dance Committee. Write to: Fund Raising Chairs, P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

Newsletter fold-out crew. Contact the editor at (209) 668-2259, or write the SGA P.O. Box.

Plans are moving full speed ahead on an exciting dance and buffet Saturday night March 26, from 8:00 pm to 1:30 am at the Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA.

Tickets are \$5 for non-members and \$3.50 for members with cards. No-host bar, beer/wine, 75 cents. Hi-balls \$1.50. For more information, call Stanislaus Gay Alliance (209) 526-0413. For tickets, send check or money order to SGA, P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352, by March 17.

## CONTRA COSTA

### MAN TWO MAN CHAPTER BEING FORMED

The organization of Man Two Man in Sacramento plans to establish a similar group in Contra Costa County shortly. The organization is designed to provide men a way to meet and form same-gender friendships.

A program is being

planned which will enable men in the Contra Costa area to socialize weekly. Details have not been completely worked out; however, men who are interested may obtain additional information by calling (916) 391-9755. Interested persons may also write P.O. Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

## HOUSTON

At a special meeting of the Interact Houston Incorporated board of directors on January 24, the corporation took the first step towards becoming the gay "United Way" of Houston.

A large fund raiser for April was scheduled. At the present time, the event is planned to be an art and antique auction.

From now on, the first priority of the corporation board will be the raising and allocating of funds for affiliate groups. The estimated budget for the corpo-

ration in 1983 exceeds \$80,000.

### SWITCHBOARD TRAINING

The Gay Switchboard of Houston will hold a series of volunteer training sessions in the future. Individuals interested in becoming a Switchboard volunteer should call (713) 529-3211 for more information.

The Switchboard is a totally volunteer operation. Operational hours are 6 pm to midnight Monday through Friday and 3 pm to midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

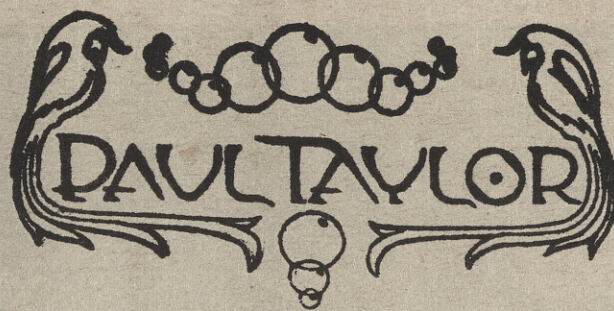
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# COLORADO

On December 3, 1982 in the Denver District Court, Gordon Neon Sign, Inc., the landlord for Charlie's, openly stated an intent to own a building in which no "gay bar" is operated. Charlie's is a popular country and western dance bar in Denver. (A similar business was conducted in the building for four years prior to Charlie's opening in June 1981.) The trial culminated more than a year of legal skirmishes over possession of the building in which Charlie's is located. The court found no cause for breach of the lease due to non-payment of rent, which was the original complaint of the landlords. The legal issue became Charlie's use of the building.

Although the pleadings did not raise the issue that

Charlie's was a "gay bar" it arose in cross-examination of Charlie's owner, John King, and in arguments to the Court. Charlie's has appealed the decision and expects to remain open indefinitely.

Meanwhile, the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association's sponsorship of its first Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver in June, 1983, is moving ahead.

A new gay-oriented radio show called, "Pink Triangle Radio," began in the Boulder/Denver area in January. The show is broadcast every Thursday at noon on KGNU-FM (88.5 on the dial). The show covers a variety of topics of interest to the Colorado gay community. The station also broadcasts the national gay radion show "Intergay" on Thursdays at 4 pm.

# OHIO

The Gay Community Switchboard in Cincinnati, Ohio, continuously receives requests for gay or gay-supportive physicians and therapists.

Any professional who is willing to be identified as supportive to that community is requested to call the Switchboard and leave information.

tion.

The Gay Community Switchboard operates Monday through Friday, 7 - 11 pm. The phone number is (513) 221-7800.

By the way, the Gay Community Switchboard is compiling statistics on homophobic violence in the Greater Cincinnati area.

# MISSOURI

## GAY RADIO PROGRAM

KOPN-FM, located in Columbia, Missouri, has added a new nationally syndicated news program for gays and lesbians.

The new program is called "Another Voice" and is heard on Thursdays. It is the same night the station broadcasts its own show called "Lambda." Both programs offer weekly half-hour segments comprised of inter-

views, features, and performances.

## SUPPORT FOR HOTLINE NEEDED

The Gay and Lesbian Hotline in St. Louis needs money to continue operating. The service is provided by the St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Community Services, and contributions may be sent to that organization at P.O. Box 23227, St. Louis, MO 63156.

# NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico chapter of Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LGAES) is seeking members. The group is a national organization of gay persons in technical fields. Although LGAES started in California, it has members throughout the United States. The group addresses some of the problems, such as security clearances, that gays face in technical fields. To contact LGAES, write P.O. Box 70133, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Local representatives can be contacted through Common Bond's Helpline at (805) 266-8041.

A civil-rights bill for gay women and men will be introduced in the current session of the New Mexico Legislature. At a meeting within the last month, the New Mexico Gay Rights Lobby (NMGRL) decided to seek an amendment to the State Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation" in housing, employment, and other areas. This includes homosexuality be-

tween consenting adults. Persons interested in joining NMGRL or participating in the lobby effort should call (805) 266-2638 or 842-8200.

The sixth annual Mr. Gay New Mexico pageant is set for Saturday, April 16, 1983. The event is scheduled at the Quality Inn Shalako (East) Ballroom, 12901 Central Avenue, N.E., Albuquerque, NM.

The pageant will feature special entertainment by Carmel Del Rio from Las Vegas, Nevada and Naomi Sims from Houston, Texas. Ms. Sims was Miss Gay Universe 1981 and Texas Entertainer of The Year 1980-82. Local entertainers will include Miss Josie who is Miss Gay Universe, New Mexico 1982-83. The MC will be Scarlet Satin.

The pageant is scheduled to start at 8 pm. Seating is limited, so interested persons should act now. For tickets and additional information, call (505) 266-8530.

# WYOMING

An informal group of gay Alcoholics Anonymous is forming in Cheyenne. Drug-addiction problems will also

be discussed if participants wish. For more information, write P.O. Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

# OREGON

MADE IN AMERICA will be the next concert performance of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus. This presentation will include a body of works that truly suggest the great variety of influences that have helped to shape our nation's musical heritage, musical moods of great diversity ranging from the southern black spiritual to the glitter of Broadway, from the abandon of Prohibi-

tion speakeasys to the grandeur of Carnegie Hall.

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus will perform at Cleveland High School, Saturday, March 19, at 8 pm. (Cleveland High School is located at the intersection of SE 26th and Powell Blvd.) Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door the evening of the concert.

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## TEENAGE EXCHANGE SERVICE

Many gay and lesbian teenagers report that one of the biggest hurdles they faced in coming out was to overcome the sense of isolation they felt—the feeling that "I'm the only one in the world like this." As a service for these teenagers, Alyson Publications of Boston, which has published several books by and about gay youth, is starting a new correspondence service for them.

In their new book *One Teenager in Ten: Writing by Gay and Lesbian Youth*, Alyson gives the following procedure for gay teenagers who would like to correspond with one another:

1. Get an address where you can receive mail. If your home address is no good, ask at the Post Office whether you can get mail via General Delivery, or see about renting a Post Office box. Or, find a friend—perhaps an older gay person—who will let you use his/her address.

2. Write a letter introducing yourself, and be sure your address is on the letter. Put it in an envelope with a stamp but with no address. Then put that letter and envelope, along with a cover letter, into another envelope and mail it to Alyson Publications, (letter exchange), P.O. Box 2783, Boston, MA 02208. Alyson will forward this letter to someone else who has expressed interest in exchanging correspondence.

In the cover letter, which will be for Alyson's confidential files, you should (a) give your name, address, age, and sex; (b) state that you are under 21; (c) give them permission to have mail sent to you; and (d) sign your name at the bottom.

3. When Alyson gets your letter, it will be forwarded on to someone else who has written. Your name will also be kept on file to later get someone else's letter. Once you establish contact with someone, you should mail letters directly to them; you'll only go through Alyson to get that initial contact.

4. Be patient. It may take a while to get a first response. If no one replies after six weeks, it could be that someone has received your letter but is having problems at home or for some other reason isn't able to write back; in that case, try again.

5. There is no charge for this service, but please use it only if you are under 21 years of age.

## FEDERAL GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

The federal Gay Civil Rights Bill has been reintroduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA). The bill has been numbered H.R. 427 for the 98th Congressional Session.

The Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), Steve Endean, indicated that the bill had 61 co-sponsors in the 97th Congress and between 75 and 80 are expected this time around.

A part of this gain may be attributed to GRNL's constituent lobbying of congressional candidates and to the efforts of the Human Rights Campaign Fund which raised nearly \$600,000 for contribution to congressional campaigns in the fall 1982 elections, and arranged for volunteers to work on campaigns. Such actions increased "the clout of the Gay Civil Rights Movement by showing that gays know how to 'play political hardball.'" Hearings on the bill may be held during this session of Congress, although there is no anticipated attempt to move the bill out of committee. Plans will attempt to carefully lay the groundwork and build strength so that when the bill reaches the floor of the House there will be a good chance at passage.

## GAY RIGHTS

Gay rights advanced in the most populous state, California, but suffered a defeat in the nation's largest city, New York, late in February, 1983. In California, a proposal sponsored by Assemblyman Art Agnos would prohibit discrimination against gay women and men by private employers with more than five employees. The bill would make employment discrimination against gays a basis for filing a complaint with the Fair Employment and Housing Department. Also, the employer could be fined.

Although the proposal has been defeated three times previously, Agnos believes there is a good chance for passage. The Governor's office has not yet taken a position on the legislation.

In New York City, a gay-rights bill was defeated. The bill would have barred discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation. New York is estimated to have about one million gay women and men, approximately one-tenth of its adult population.



# HOROSCOPE

by Dr. Pat LARR

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr 20)--Admit it, Aries, you're always ready to ram it down their throats; assertiveness training isn't for you. But don't be surprised if you come out like a lamb this month.

**TAURUS** (Apr 21 - May 21)--The least complex of the earth signs, your stubborn streak is giving everyone a complex. Give in once in a while. Let that mysterious stranger lead you down the garden path for once.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - Jun 20)--As a result of a lot of cosmic cavorting, the first of the month you have your pick of a thousand and one knights, and you end the month with a romantic night with that special one.

**CANCER** (Jun 21 - Jul 22)--Drop the tootsie role! Given Sophie's choice, the verdict is that your type would rather toy with an officer and a gentleman in the still of the night.

**LEO** (Jul 23 - Aug 23)--Your pelvis is all shook up this month. It's now or never. To avoid suspicious minds and the Heartbreak Hotel, grab a hunk, a hunk of burning love.

**VIRGO** (Aug 24 - Sep 22)--Mercury in retrograde, a void moon, Uranus in hot water, and a nasty hangnail on the third. Expect to be screwed by the planets in the next few weeks, but don't expect to like it.

**LIBRA** (Sep 23 - Oct 23)--The full moon triggers a lightning bolt of love for a lively colt like you. You're the belle of the ball, with the look of love radiating from every pore until month's end.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 24 - Nov 22)--Don't rule out roulette--the wheel of fortune lands on your lucky number this month (sixty-nine). Take any gamble. You can't crap out. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23 - Dec 20)--Venus, your fairy godmother, smiles on you until the first of the month. You're sexy as well as in control of your emotions. So whatever you want, go for it in a big way.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 21 - Jan 20)--You finally get your panties out of a wad and get on with the business of getting your panties into bed. Just be careful of that big mouth of yours.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21 - Feb 18)--Stop toying with the idea of reactivating an old romance. You can do better than that; and, besides, you never liked reruns anyway. Beware of Thursdays.

**PISCES** (Feb 19 - Mar 20)--You've got one last chance for a real fling before the cosmic reshuffle the first of the month. Luck follows the full moon, and you feel yourself stretching out in a familiar direction.

## POEM

By Steven Underwood

I AM ALONE

Gay, such a happy word  
Doesn't quite seem right  
Describing one such as I  
Who cries in the night,  
I am alone.

In the body of a youth  
Lies a tired old faggot  
Tired of games, one-night  
romances,  
Of dinner invitations with  
hidden motives,  
Not so hidden.

Why doesn't anyone want  
What I have to give,  
Softness, gentleness...Love.  
Inside of me, these things,  
they live!  
But, I am alone.

The ache pours out,  
The plea unanswered,  
Will it ever be heard?  
Life remains not eternal,  
And yet, I am alone.

Another year passes  
The heart yearns, hope fades  
Still a half, not whole  
All about, friends who care,  
I am alone.

The struggle ends, for me  
Dearest sisters, a fond  
adieu,  
The terrible reality  
Just look around you,  
I am not alone.

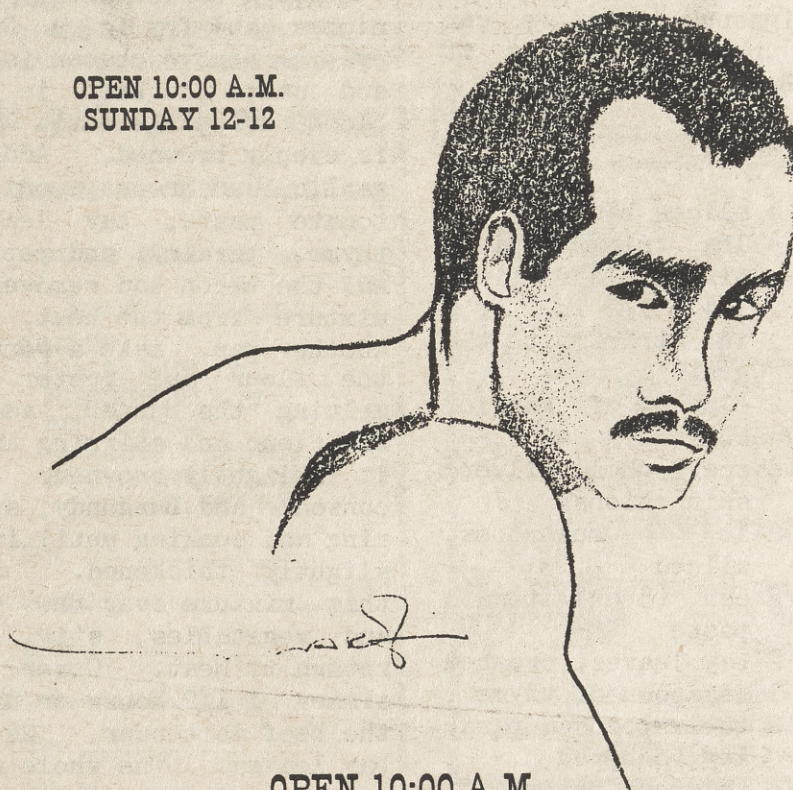
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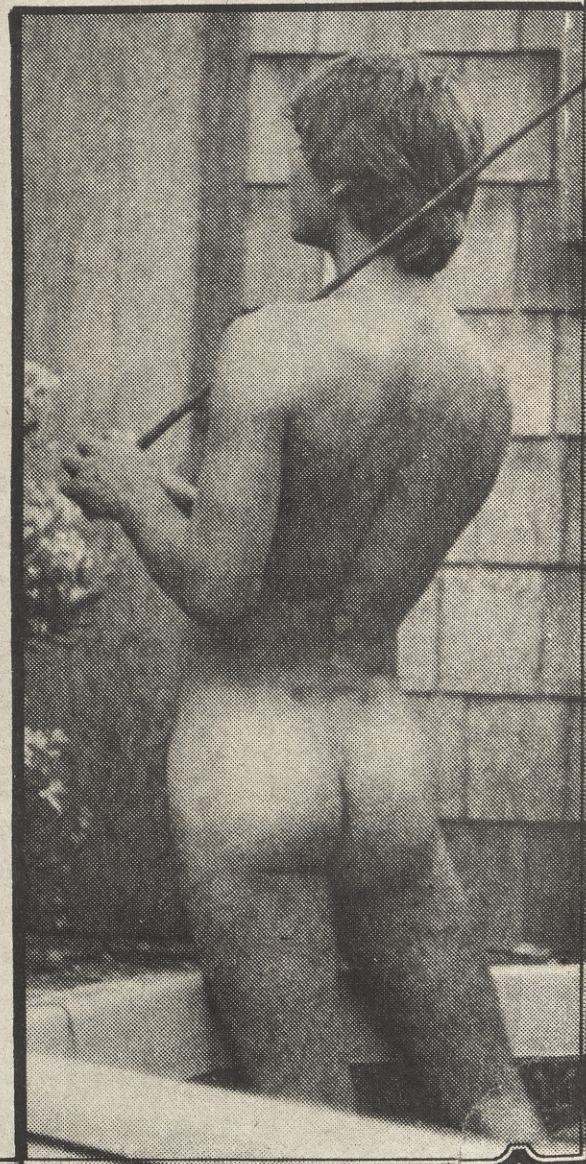
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# CABBAGE PATCH

by Hedda Khabajh

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## Ingredients:

- 6 slices bacon
- 4 lbs trimmed lean sirloin, cut into 1/4 - 1/2 in. by 2 in. strips with the grain
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 48 small whole silver-skin onions
- 2 lb mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 can (8 oz) tomato paste
- 2 bay leaves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon of thyme
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup flour

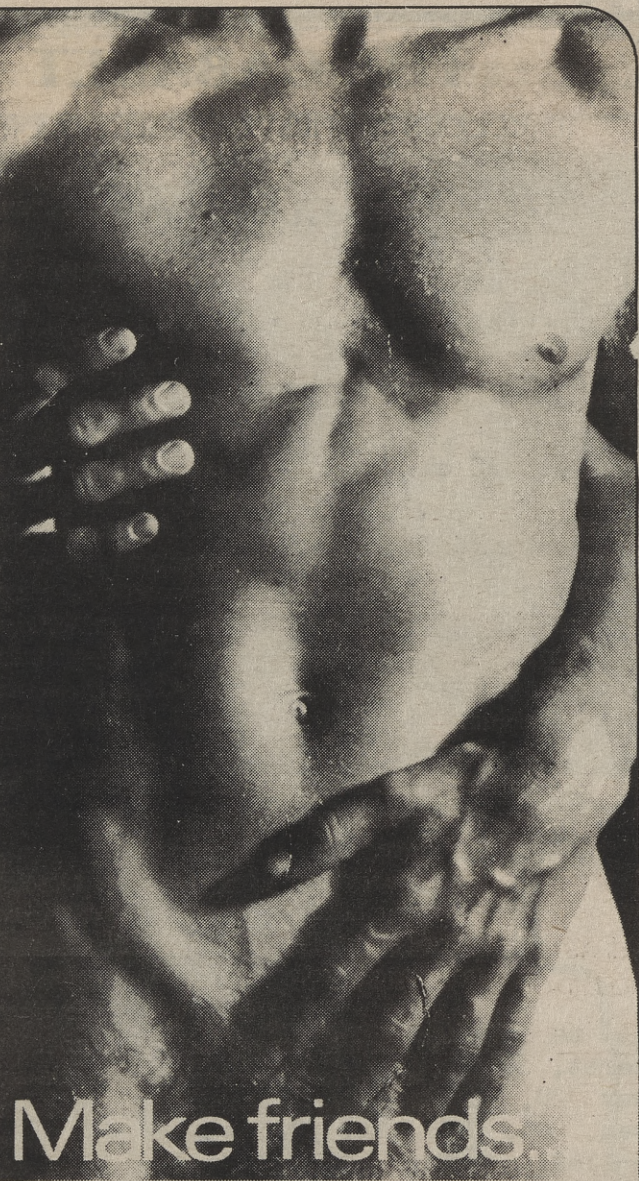
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 can (15 oz) consomme
- 2 cups (16 oz) Burgundy wine

Cut bacon into small pieces and fry in a Dutch oven. Remove bacon (save) and saute the beef in the bacon drippings until beef is evenly browned. Add the garlic, mushrooms, onions, tomato paste, bay leaves, thyme, parsley, and pepper. Add the bacon and remove the mixture from the heat. In another pan, make a roux of the flour and butter by melting the butter, adding the flour and stirring until it is lightly browned. Add consomme and Burgundy, stirring and cooking until it is slightly thickened. Pour this mixture over the beef and vegetables, stir, and return to heat. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours or until the beef is tender. Remove bay leaves. The whole meal can be made in advance and heated up before serving.

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# MAN-TWO-MAN

In Sacramento, Man Two Man continues to offer men a way to meet and socialize. In the last year and a half, many friendships have developed as a result of the group.

The main feature of Man Two Man is its weekly Wednesday evening social program starting at 7:30 pm. (A donation of \$2 is requested from each participant to defray operating expenses.) The socials last approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours and include both a short introductory program, designed to set newcomers at ease, and a drawing for door prizes. In past weeks, the program has included a slide and musical presentation by Silver Lion System, a beer tasting contest, charades, and a talent show.

In addition, a "movies at home" program is hosted each month by one of the regular participants.

The group periodically schedules special events. In the past, members have gone glider flying in Vacaville, gold panning near Auburn, and arranged trips to restaurants in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Men who have not attended a Man Two Man function are encouraged to attend one to check out the organization. The calendar of upcoming events is shown below. For additional information, call (916) 391-9755.

## MARCH

- 2 Wed Social: Discussion - Ways to meet men
- 7 Mon Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
- 9 Wed Social: Discussion - The opportunities and challenges of being single
- 16 Wed Social: Potluck Dinner
- 21 Mon Movies at Home (Bring Munchies)
- 23 Wed Social: AIDS presentation by Dr. Pomerantz. \$3 donation.
- 30 Wed Social: Discussion - What is a true relationship?

# WOMAN-TWO-WOMAN

A new way to meet and socialize for women will start in March. The group is being established for women by Patlar Enterprises which since 1981 has operated a highly successful group for men.

Woman Two Woman will feature a weekly social program on Monday evenings. The program will begin at 7:30 pm and will last approximately 2-2 1/2 hours. A \$2 donation is requested from participants to cover operating expenses.

A calendar of upcoming events is shown below. For additional information, call (916) 391-9755.

## MARCH

- 7 Mon Social: Introduction of Woman Two Woman

- 14 Mon Social: Discussion - What is a Relationship?
- 21 Mon Social: Potluck Dinner
- 28 Mon Social: Open Night

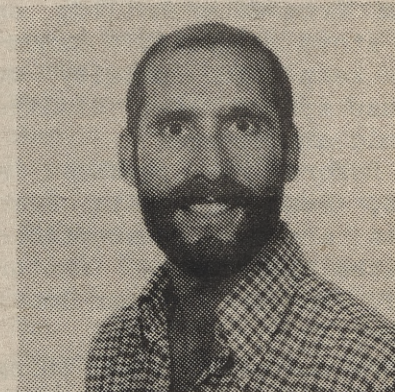
## APRIL

- 4 Mon Social: Discussion - Ways to Meet Women
- 11 Mon Social: Discussion - The Opportunities and Challenges of Being Single
- 18 Mon Social: Potluck Dinner
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Anyone who has ever saved a snapshot of a lover, relative, or friend, or anyone who remembers the one lesbian or gay bar that existed in their hometown before the birth of "gay liberation" is urged to contact the filmmakers. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL MATERIAL.** Please write the producers and explain what you have. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.

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## LETTER

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending copies of the Patlar Gazette. You are looking better with each issue! I am enjoying watching your national map turn black from white, and more so with each issue.

The Patlar Gazette comes to the Barndoor in Des Moines, which is probably the best choice of the three bars. Your issues are well read and are picked up soon after arrival.

I'm looking forward to your next issue of the Patlar Gazette.

Rob Wrisberg  
Des Moines, Iowa

## NGTF

The National Gay Task Force offers a variety of educational booklets and information packets that range from 25 cents to \$2. Titles include About Coming Out, Professional Gay Caucus List (names and addresses of gay professional groups in fields such as nursing, teaching, the social sciences, etc.), A Gay Bibliography, and You and Your Job: A Gay Employee's Guide to Discrimination.

For a complete listing of subjects and ordering information write: NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

The National Gay Task Force has also established a toll-free hotline CRISISLINE as a national telephone hookup to be used to compile statistics on homophobic violence as well as to provide local referrals.

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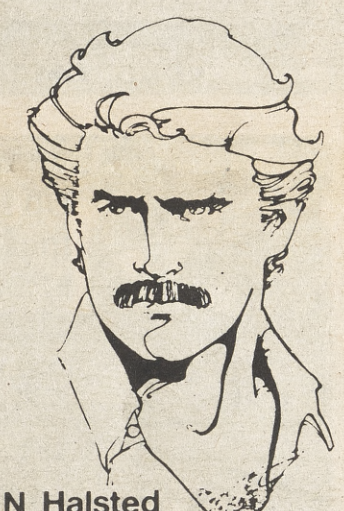
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## TENNESSEE WILLIAMS DEAD AT 71

On Friday, the 26th of February, 1982, the Gay Community lost one of its most illustrious and best-known sons, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Tennessee Williams. Mr. Williams, who was 71, died unexpectedly and alone in his room at the Elysee Hotel in New York City.

According to a police report, Mr. Williams died unattended and of natural causes. An empty wine bottle was found in the room, and two capsules of pills were found beneath the body. According to his brother, Mr. Williams had "returned" to a life of drugs a few months ago, and his health had been going downhill for the past several months.

Sometimes called "the original hippie," he once admitted publicly to having rewritten his play, *Outcry*, while taking amphetamines. He said, "I was on speed when I wrote it. I couldn't

wait to finish the next sentence. I did some of my most interesting work then. Or so I thought." Unfortunately, *Outcry* wasn't much of a success.

Tennessee Williams had been a playwright for nearly half a century, 49 years to be exact. During his long and productive career, he wrote literally dozens of plays, ranging from huge successes to dismal flops. His first big success was in 1945 with a play, still popular today, called *The Glass Menagerie*. Others of his best-known plays include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Rose Tattoo*, *Period of Adjustment*, *Sweet Bird of Youth*. His last big success was *Night of the Iguana*, first produced in 1961. His very last play, *Clothes for a Summer Hotel*, based on the troubled lives of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, was a flop.

Mr. Williams's play were performed all over the world, with recent revivals in South America, India, and Russia.

Mr. Williams was completely open about his homosexuality, having "come out of the closet" around 1940. In later life, he wrote a play, *Something Cloudy, Something Clear*, about his coming-out experiences. Actually, his homosexuality, in many ways, seems to pervade his works; despite being gay, his perceptions of women, and his depiction of them, were often extraordinary.

At birth, Tennessee Williams was baptized Thomas Lanier Williams. In college, his fraternity brothers gave him the name Tennessee.

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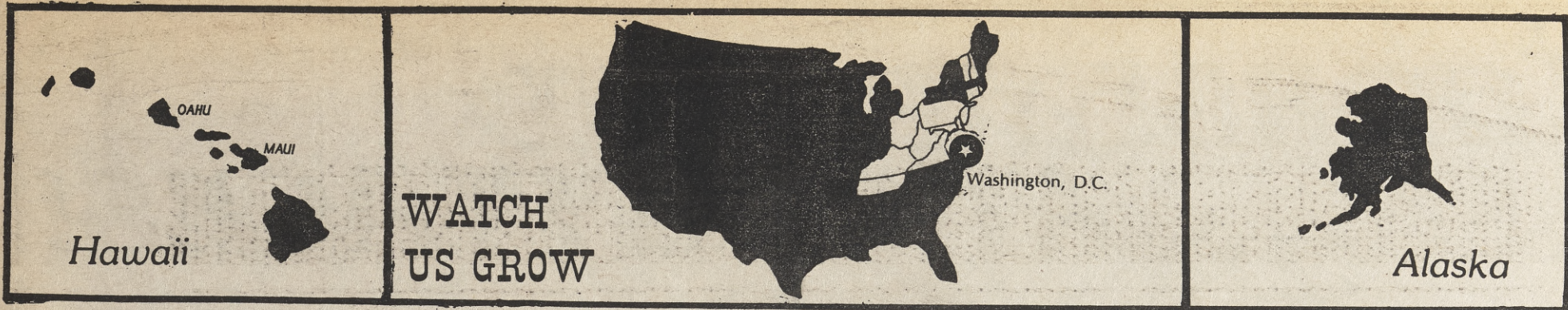
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